

TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
COUNCIL MINUTES
For
August 15, 2006

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at the Town Hall. Town Council President Louise Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Councilpersons Ben Bolton, John Wilhelm, Clerk-Treasurer Bev Hubbs, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sherry King in attendance. Council President Louise Roberts opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Wilhelm moved that the minutes for July 18, 2006 be approved as corrected by Sherry King. Ben Bolton seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF DUNE ACRES as of July 31, 2006:

Porter State Bank – Checking	\$ 73289.29
Chase Bank – Savings	130235.59
Fifth Third Bank – High Interest Checking	55653.90
Adjustment to Deposit	13.70
Record Balance	\$259192.48

There was some discussion of the money the town receives in escrow from builders. Charles Pride from the State Board of Accounts recommends that it be placed in a separate fund and that the minutes of the Town Council indicate any time money is either received into or refunded from that fund.

John Wilhelm moved to accept the Financial Report. Ben Bolton seconded and the financial report was approved unanimously.

PAYMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

Ben Bolton moved approval of the claims in the total of \$27189.09 with the additional two bills Bill Nixon submitted. John Wilhelm seconded and the motion passed.

Sherry King is talking to area banks about better rates for CD's.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Northwest Regional Planning Commission Meeting – Ben Bolton said he would attend.

Keystone Software Systems Yearly Maintenance Increase from \$750.00 - \$800.00

IACT Annual Conference & Silent Auction September 24 – 27, in Indianapolis – Bev & Sherry to talk over and see if it would be beneficial for Sherry to attend.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FIRE:

John Wilhelm and the Council extended their thanks and good wishes to retiring Burns Harbor Fire Chief Raymond Poparad. John stated that he's been a terrific friend to Dune Acres and that he has great respect for Ray. He also welcomed Burns Harbor's new Fire Chief, Bill Arney, and stated that we also have a great friend in him.

MUNICIPAL CODE: Bill Nixon

The Code Book is in final printing and the Municipal Code Corporation hopes to send the finished Code Book by August 31, 2006. Time of adoption was discussed and it was decided to consult with Atty. Dan Whitten.

ROADS: Irv Call

Irv reported that the road work is done for the year. The survey was done on Shore Drive and Irv went over the draft with the property owner. Issues covered are taking the line out of middle of the road, relocated right of way from east to south, and dealing with drainage on the north side of the property.

The Clubhouse reticulation pump wiring is done and has been tested. He knows that the pumps work, but not how the timer has been set. Keith Johnson of NutriLawn needs to be contacted to set the timer. He said there is plenty of pressure and water.

Sand disposal – Mark Bapst has requested staging for 200 yards, taking back 100 yard sand leaving 100 yards.

Irv suggested a few questions to ask of contractors doing staging:

- Amount of sand to be moved?
- Time frame?
- How they are going to grade the area?

He also suggested three places the staging could be done:

- Behind gatehouse – not more than 100 yards
- Access road between Dune Acres and Porter Beach
- West Road just north of Aspen.

He said that the access road does need to be built up with sand and that the terrace wall needs to be raised on one end. He said that the area on West Road is narrow and dangerous and could be built up with 2 or 3 thousand feet of sand.

The Council discussed the pros and cons of allowing contractors to use town property for staging the use of sand they have to remove but want to use later. It was decided that, as a trial, the sand from the Bapst construction project could be moved to the access road and that Irv would have authority to stop the dumping if it is more than 200 yards, 100 of which would be moved back to the

site. Sand from other projects will be dumped at the site on West Road. Irv said that he will inform the adjacent property owner of this plan as a courtesy.

The council members agreed that no more sand will be placed on Ridge or Hill. There is an area on East Road that may need more sand but they agreed to wait until spring before deciding.

Irene Nowak asked whether the erosion on Circle Drive was going to be addressed. Irv assured her that he plans to do it but is delaying it until there are other small paving jobs in the interest of having it done economically.

He said the cable on the access road was hanging very low and some kids drove over it. He has tightened it but recommended that we look at a wooden gate for that location and another one for Clubhouse Drive. John Wilhelm said he has several plans for gates in his file and the he will work with Irv to look them all over and bring them to the Council.

MAINTENANCE: Mike Konopacki:

Lou remarked that the bathroom at the Town Hall is finished and looks very nice. Mike said that the cabinets at the Clubhouse have been repaired. He said that he looked at the flat roofs at the Clubhouse and that they seem okay to him. There are some lights out at the Clubhouse, which John Wilhelm said he will take care of. John remarked that the sign on the east side of the road at the Gatehouse needs to be repaired or replaced and maybe could be made to match the other side.

POLICE: Cecilia Call

Irv reported for Cecilia that everything is going well, though several illnesses in the families of the security employees in the last few weeks have caused some scheduling problems. Another person hit the planter at the Gatehouse and Irv gave Sherry the identifying information for that driver, which she will fax to the town attorney.

WATER: Ben Bolton

Ben said that his calls have not been answered by IAWC about when they will do the pressure and flow tests, but he will keep trying. Lou said that they have painted the hydrants.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Nixon asked what Gilmore Franzen did for \$8379.61. Lou said they spent several weeks examining the Clubhouse and provided a set of plans for which logs need to be replaced, the kind of paint that was used originally, and

recommendations for the renovation. John said that these were guidelines we have to have to apply for federal grants. He said we are waiting for acceptance into landmark status for the State of Indiana and then for Federal status, which we have to have first. He said our application is ready for formal approval but that won't happen until they meet sometime in October.

Ben Bolton moved that the Council agree to donate a sum of \$300 from the Fireworks donations to the Porter Fire Department, for the purchase of equipment, in appreciation of their help at our fireworks display. John Wilhelm seconded and the motion passed. Ben said that Melrose, our providers, had placed first for pyrotechnics at a competition in Canada. John asked that we press for more diversity in the display next year.

Lou announced that this month marks the end of her term as President of the Council and that John Wilhelm's term begins with the September meeting. John and Ben thanked Lou for her leadership.

Irv reported that one of the pumps is working satisfactorily on automatic. He said that the software has been loaded onto the donated computer and they are working on getting the second pump on automatic.

NEW BUSINESS:

Irv also asked the town to budget money for a new VCR and monitor for the Gatehouse. The Council agreed he should go ahead and make this purchase now because it is a vital part of our security.

Lou reminded us of the rummage sale this Saturday being conducted by the DACIF. She said the proceeds will be used for the Clubhouse renovation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m